

WEATHER
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tinued cloudiness.

DEMANDS MADE AT BIG MASS MEETING FOR REMOVAL OF ALL HIGH EXPLOSIVES

Tried To Help Fall, McLean Says

Says His Second Story Told Senator Walsh in January Was Correct

SAYS HE TRUSTED FALL

Tells Oil Committee He Gave Misleading Information About \$100,000 Loan

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Edward B. McLean told the oil committee today that he had given it misleading information about the celebrated \$100,000 loan because he trusted and desired to help his friend Albert Fall.

The publisher insisted that his second story about the loan, told to Senator Walsh in January at Palm Beach, Fla., was correct. He said he had loaned the former secretary \$100,000 in checks for a ranch enterprise, but that the checks were returned to him uncashed.

His previous assertion that the loan was made in cash, he said, was made at Fall's request. The latter appeared to be in trouble, he added, but had represented to him that it had nothing to do with oil.

The publisher also asserted that he himself had no interest in the Sinclair or Doheny companies and knew nothing about the Fall oil policies, except what he had read in the newspapers.

Asked about the code messages exchanged between Washington and Palm Beach, he was unable to decipher or explain many of them. He said William J. Burns had given one of his employees a Department of Justice code, but he himself never had coded a message.

He became a secret agent of the justice department, he continued, shortly after the beginning of the Harding administration, largely because the official badge would make it easier for him to get through lines when traveling with the President.

The "principal" referred to in one of the telegrams sent by his employees, McLean said, appeared to him to refer to Attorney General Daugherty and did not refer to President Coolidge. He identified the attorney general as the author of the message assuring him not to worry because everything that could be done "will be done by us."

Led into a long discussion of his relations with Mr. Daugherty, he said the attorney general had lived in one of the McLean houses here for seven or eight months after coming to Washington and that Fall had visited there often. But he added that Daugherty "wouldn't do anything wrong for me" even if he had been asked.

At the outset McLean read to the committee this prepared statement: "Having in mind the subject of this investigation and having also in mind the widespread use in the public press of my name as one who might have had some connection with the naval oil leases, or with the companies, individuals, government departments or public officials who did have connection with the leases of the naval oil reserves, I want to make now the following details and emphatic statement of facts:

"I have absolutely no knowledge regarding any leases upon naval reserves made at any time to any person or any company except such person or any company which has been named in the American public press received from newspaper reports.

"I do not know Mr. Harry F. Sinclair and have no recollection of ever having met him even in a casual way. I have never had any interest of anything directly or indirectly for myself or any other person in any of the so-called companies.

"I did not even know that there was such a thing as the Mammoth Oil Company until I saw it mentioned in the press reports in connection with this investigation. I did know, as anyone who reads the newspapers would have known, that was a company (Continued on page 2.)

ORGANIZE FOR WAR AGAINST PLANT FUMES

Meeting at City Hall of Residents in the Vicinity of Grant Street

WESTERFIELD IS AT HEAD

No Quorum for Health Board but Action at Later Date Is Planned

That the residents in the vicinity of Grant street will not wait for action to be taken by the local Board of Health in having the Herbert & Herbert Chemical Company, at the corner of Grant and Market streets, do away with the alleged unhealthy odors that come from that plant, but will take the fight up with the State Board of Health and if necessary to the chancery courts was brought out at an organization meeting of the residents held last night in the city hall.

The delegation met at the city hall last night with the intention of bringing the matter before the local health board at its regular meeting, but as there was not a quorum, President John J. Buckley adjourned the meeting, electing George Westerfield to the office of president and Rufus B. Allen, secretary.

Mr. Westerfield preceding the election asked Dr. Charles S. Thompson, secretary of the local health board, why the chemical concern was allowed to operate when it was well known that the odors emanating from the plant disagreed with everyone in the immediate vicinity of the chemical company.

Dr. Thompson answered by saying that the matter had been known to him only three weeks, and that he had a full report on his desk which he had intended bringing before the board had a meeting been held last night.

The organization president then told the health board secretary that the fumes had been endured since last October and, inasmuch as there was no relief in sight, through the board's efforts, the only course next to pursue was to organize. The election was held and Mr. Westerfield declared his intention of carrying the fight to the State Board of Health and if necessary to the chancery court.

It was brought out at the meeting that the matter located at the corner of Market and Grant streets about two years ago, in spite of the protests of nearby property owners, and at that time the residents were given to understand that high stacks would be erected to carry off the gases. Since then, it is alleged, the air in that vicinity has been filled with unhealthy odors, while the gutters there carry off unhealthy waste which sometimes remains in the streets for weeks.

The residents in the vicinity of the chemical plant also allege that the company has failed to comply with either the building or sanitary codes, and that no effort has been made to force them. Other protests made are to the effect that several seriously ill persons in the neighborhood (Continued on page 2.)

Revenue Bill Revision Or Treasury Deficit

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Revision of the revenue bill passed by the House must be made to prevent a treasury deficit, Secretary Mellon today told the senate finance committee.

The House bill would mean a loss in revenue of about \$450,000,000, Mr. Mellon said, against an estimated surplus of \$235,000,000 for the fiscal year 1935 under existing law.

The secretary condemned the Longworth compromise on the income tax rate schedule and criticized House amendments which increased estate taxes, created a gift tax and opened tax returns to inspection by congressional committees.

Some of the modification of the measure would be necessary also in the increases ordered by the House in the excise and miscellaneous taxes.

ARMY BILL HAS LESS THAN 1923

Maintenance for Year Will Cost \$326,224,993—Is Under Budget Estimate

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Maintenance for another year of the Regular Army at the present strength of 12,000 commissioned officers and 125,000 enlisted men is recommended in the army appropriation bill.

As reported today to the House the measure carries \$326,224,993 or \$10,224,268 less than last year's appropriation and \$3,632,773 less than the budget estimate.

Of the total \$37,600,000 would be available for river and harbor improvements during the next fiscal year. This amount, recommended by the budget, is \$19,446,750 less than last year's appropriation. The fund would be allotted by the war department.

The bill carries an item of \$7,000,000 for continuing work on Dam No. 2 at Muscle Shoals, with an additional contract authorization of \$3,040,390 and provides \$10,000,000 for flood control on the Mississippi and \$500,000 for similar work on the Sacramento river.

There were many accidents reported yesterday and last night along New Brunswick avenue between the city line and a point this side of Ragan's corner, because of the condition of the road due to the sewer excavation work.

A number of trucks went down to the hubs on one side, and a bus backed into the excavation and the passengers had to walk into this city, despite the stormy conditions. Apparently there is no attempt to handle the traffic so as to avoid accidents, caused by the smaller cars in charge of reckless drivers.

As far as is known no one has been injured at the spot so far, but under present conditions there is nothing to avoid serious accidents.

The heaviest traffic is being diverted by way of Woodbridge, Fords and Keasbey.

COUNTY SEAT MAN'S SUICIDE

Seventy-five Year Old Man Hangs Himself—Is Found by Daughter

NEW BRUNSWICK, March 12.—The body of Jacob R. Van Horn, 75, was found hanging by a rope from a hook over the kitchen door by his daughter Mrs. Edna Meyers, with whom he lived, today.

Van Horn had tied the rope around his neck and then kicked a stool from under his feet.

The elderly man's act could not be accounted for today by members of the family, although a veiled intimation of his intentions was seen in his remark last night that "he guessed he would go to bed, it's the only place for an old man." Mrs. Meyers said however, that her father did not go to bed, but waited up until all the family had retired.

The city plan board to meet.

A meeting of the city plan commission is scheduled to be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in city hall.

Charles Feibush, 346 Oak street, ball furnished by Max Gutt.

John Derjan, 673 Catherine street, ball furnished by John S. Mitrusa.

Marlin Szalay, 191 Washington street, ball furnished by Louis Deak.

Joseph Finchay, 439 New Brunswick avenue, ball furnished by Kalmen Dofkowsky.

5 HELD FOR BOOZE SALES

Five local men were arraigned before United States Commissioner John A. Delaney yesterday afternoon and held under \$1,000 bail each to appear before the federal grand jury. The men are all charged with the sale and possession of liquor. They follow:

John Fillerowicz, 329 Fayette street, bail furnished by Michael Zylika.

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PROBE BUNGO GAME

Lieutenant Detective Joseph Gutowski went to New York yesterday to continue the investigation into the \$4,000 theft reported by a State street resident to the police on Monday. Captain Long is of the opinion that the information obtained by "his man Joe" will result in time in the arrest of the guilty parties. The persons suspected in this case have been connected with similar deals throughout the country, it is alleged.

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ROAD PROGRAM IS OUTLINED BY HIGHWAY BOARD

To Devote Funds for Relief of Congestion to New Jersey Shore Resorts

MORGAN-KEYPORT ROUTE

With Highways, and State Bridge to Be Given Attention This Year

TRENTON, March 12.—The State Highway Commission has mapped out a 1934 road and bridge construction program representing an outlay of \$6,832,400. This action was taken yesterday by the board, which incidentally marked the close of its first year in office.

The commission also plans to devote the important work in connection with the approaches to the Hudson River Vehicular Tunnel and the Camden Delaware River Bridge. A conference is to be held soon with the attorney general to settle legal details. Also it is planned to devote funds for the relief of the congestion in the Hudson-Morgan and Keyport on the North Jersey road to Asbury Park and other coast resorts.

At the close of yesterday's business Major General Hugh L. Scott, chairman of the highway board, was complimented by his colleagues on the fact that during the past year he has devoted his entire time to the work of the commission.

So as to get an early start and to gain the advantage of the best market prices authorization was given for the advertising for materials to be used this year by the maintenance department. The early letting of these contracts will enable the maintenance forces to complete the major part of road repairs before the summer travel begins to be heavy.

The highway board's hearings, it was decided, preliminary to the taking over by the state of the Harding Highway, between Pennsboro and Atlantic City, and the "road between Westville and Millville. The 1934 construction program approved carries the following items:

Route 1, Lehigh Valley railroad branch, Middlesex, for \$15,000; Route 4, Smyth bridge (part cost), Middlesex, \$10,000; Route 4, Toms River-Lakewood, Ocean, \$375,000; Route 4, Manasquan River bridge, Monmouth and Ocean, \$500,000; Route 4, Manasquan railroad crossing, Monmouth, \$5,000; Route 6, Bridgeton-Na-aboro, Cui berland, \$275,000; Route 6, Marlboro-Quinton, Salem, \$355,000; Route 7, Corlies avenue-Colts Neck, Monmouth, \$449,000; Route 7, Mountain View railroad crossing, Passaic, \$100,000; Route 8, Pompton-River bridge, Morris and Passaic, \$100,000; Route 8, Reeves Bridge, Morris and Essex, \$120,000; Route 9, White House County line, Hunterdon, \$190,000; Route 9, County line-North Branch, Somerset, \$160,000; Route 9, Lincoln avenue-Plainfield, Union, \$184,000; Route 9, White Horse Valley, Union, \$365,000; Route 9, Plainfield (Continued on page 2.)

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Storm Warning

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Pucci was advised to have a warrant sworn out for the woman this morning, but instead of appearing for the court session the complainant notified Lieutenant Morris that he had recovered the money and that it was all a mistake.

Girl Scouts to Meet

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CALL UPON FREEHOLDERS TO ACT AGAINST STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES; HEAR PROTESTS OF ALL SECTIONS

Residents from various parts of Middlesex county last night made strenuous and sincere protests against the storage, manufacture and use of explosives within the confines of the county and called upon the Board of Freeholders to take steps whereby conditions might be remedied at once.

These protests were made at the public mass meeting held in the county court house at New Brunswick at the call of the Board of Freeholders and despite the adverse weather conditions the court room was filled almost to capacity.

The meeting was called, Director William S. Dey, of the freeholders explained in opening the session, for the purpose of learning the sentiment of the various municipalities and the general public throughout the county towards eliminating explosives in Middlesex. At the conclusion of the meeting there was no doubt but that the opinion was practically unanimous in favor of the doing away, once and for all, of the explosive menace.

DAUGHERTY'S CASE TODAY

Investigation of His Action to Be Started at 4 P. M. by Senate

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Daugherty investigation will be opened this afternoon at 4 o'clock, under a decision reached today by the special senate committee. Chairman Brookhart announced that testimony of witnesses would be begun at that hour.

The part played in department of justice affairs by Jesse Smith, friend of the attorney general, who committed suicide a year ago in Mr. Daugherty's apartment here will be inquired into in detail in the senate Daugherty investigation.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, preparing the case for the committee, announced that all telegrams sent to and received by Senator Daugherty, after the election of President Harding, had been subpoenaed.

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JUDGE KENYON MAY BE NAMED

To Succeed Secretary of the Navy Denby—Confers with Coolidge

WASHINGTON, March 12 (By The Associated Press).—Former Senator W. S. Kenyon, of Iowa, now judge of the eighth federal circuit court, is understood to be under consideration for appointment as secretary of the navy to succeed Secretary Denby.

Judge Kenyon arrived here last night and shortly afterward went to the White House where he conferred with President Coolidge.

His friends said today he had not reached a decision but had an appointment with President Coolidge tomorrow morning.

90 YEARS OLD TODAY

Nels Parson, of Neville street, is celebrating his ninetieth birthday today. Mr. Parson was born in Sweden, and came to New York in 1866 where he resided for forty eight years, thence coming to this city where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Parson is a well known and is most active for his age.

REPORT WOMAN FIRED AT MAN

Patrolman Joe Dwyer was informed at 6:30 o'clock this morning that a woman about twenty-five years old had come out of Elm street and had followed a man to the Raritan Copper works field where she fired nine shots at him.

The officer started an investigation, but aside from finding footprints of a woman on the Copper works field no progress was made. The police are continuing their investigation.

Seek Gambling Machines

Sergeant John Larson, Plainclothesmen Monroe and Koyen, and Patrolman Geneski visited the establishment at 165 Fayette street last night in search for two gambling machines and were informed the machines were taken out yesterday. A visit was also made to 190 New Brunswick avenue, but the searchers found nothing.

Wanted for Hotel Bill

"Judge" J. Bowen, the advance man for the recent Joe Lynch-Roy Moore boxing show in this city, is wanted in this city to account for a hotel bill owed the Hotel Madison.

The authorities of Monmouth county have a warrant for his arrest at the present time.

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State Commissioner of Labor Dr. Andrew F. McBride, Deputy Labor Commissioner Charles H. Weeks and the department's explosive inspector, Frederick Reawin, were in attendance and answered all questions put to them by County Solicitor Frederick F. Richardson, who carried on the investigation for the freeholders. The various concerns manufacturing, using or storing explosives is not sufficient specific and comprehensive to permit of that department having jurisdiction in all cases.

As yet no announcement has been made as to what county or state officials believe caused the explosion at the Ammonite Company's plant at Nixon which resulted in the death of twenty persons, the injury of many and great property damage. County Solicitor Richardson gave the state officials food for thought when he asked Commissioner McBride whether it had ever occurred to him that the explosion might have been caused by the detonation of explosives which had been stored under the so-called non-explosive ammonium nitrate which was being sold for fertilizer.

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